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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

Latch Mechanism

and invented by:

Luthardt et al

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 14 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☒ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☒ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal Number of Sheets 2
- b. ☐ Informal Number of Sheets _____
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
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- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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17. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

General Authorization to Charge Fees
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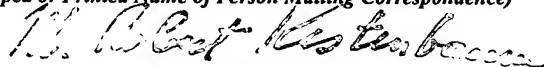
Invention: Latch Mechanism

I hereby certify that the following correspondence:

Continuation Application of International Patent Application PCT/EP02/04569 filed 25 April 2002, claiming priority of German patent application 101 21 439.1 filed 27 April 2001.

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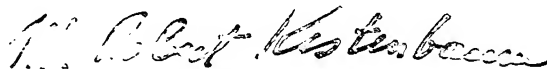
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